Setting up of freight operation Information Service

5588. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Informations Centre (NIC) had submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Railways for setting up a computerised Freight Operation Information Service (FOIS);

(b) if so, what are the details of this proposal, when was this made to the Railways and at what cost;

(c) what is the reaction of the Railways to this proposal:

(d) whether Railways are going ahead with an alternative proposal of its in-house department;

(e) if so, what are the details of this proposal; and

(f) what is the cost benefit ratio of each of the aforesaid proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Informatics Centre (NIC) had proposed in June, 1994 a computerised freight operations information system cased on a customised software to be developed by them. A presentation was given by NIC which revealed that their proposal was in the nature of a conceptual plan and the cost as projected by NIC was Rs. 296.75 crores. The proposal was lacking in desired specifics.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The present scheme of computerisation of Freight Operations Information System envisages a two tier architecture with the cenral system performing core functions like wagon and locomotive movements and the second tier performing decentralised functions. The software is being customised to suit Traffic Reporting and Control System operational requirements and practices of the Indian Railways. The project covers inter alia locomotive, wagon and train movement control, terminal management system, revenue accountal, and management information system. The project for the Northern Railway was sanctioned in December, 1992. After the acceptance of the system, which is at an advanced stage of trials in Delhi Area at present, its implementation is proposed to be extended to other areas of the Northern Railway.

(f) Cost benefit analysis cannot be done as NIC's offer was only a conceptual proposal

Replacement of DTC buses

5589. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DTC plans to replace all such buses which are polluting the environment:

(b) whether there is any plan to provide a common bus stand for the passengers coming to offices through, Feroze shah Road, R. P Road, Janpath, Ashoka Road to avoid congestion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir. Buses emitting smoke more than the prescribed limits are rectified and all buses obtain pollu-

tion under control certificate as per norms laid down in the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989.

(b) No; Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Police to remove operational deficiencies in Indian ports

5590 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any operational deficiencies have been noticed in the Indian Ports, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether any policy has been worked out by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when the said policy is likely to be implemented;

(e) wheher the handling of goods in major ports has been up to the mark;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The improvement in working and operations of any port is a continuous process. The developmental schemes for Major Ports are undertaken as per the approved five year/annual plans.

(e) to (g) During the financial year 1994-95, all Major Ports in the country handled at aggregate of 197.17 million tonnes of cargo as against the target of 181 million tonnes and 179.26 million tonnes handled during the year 1993-94, thereby recording a positive variation of approx. 8.9 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Amount allocated to Karnataka from Central Road Fund

5591. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Karnataka from the Central Road Fund during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether a huge amount is yet to be released to Karnataka out of the Central Road Fund sanctioned by the Central Government;

(c) if so, the details in this regard for each of the last three years and for the current year; and

(d) when the remaining amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amounts allocated to the State Government of Karnataka from Central Road Fund during the last three years are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	80.00
1993-94	50.00
1994-95	228.00

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The amounts due as per accruals are released from year to year subject to availability of budgetary provisions and progressed of the schemes sanctioned.